881 Lack of definite ceremony at this time discussed further in section on Rituals. Menstruating woman not subject to speech taboos; prepared food; slept with husband, but had no sexual intercourse with him, as this would affect his hunting; this latter taboo not strictly adhered to now (MM).

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838 Transvestites.- Male transvestite (huiy) wore woman's aprons; mother taught him to gather, prepare acorns, tobacco, make baskets, pottery; transvestite would "stay around with the women," but SM did not know of any marriages entered into by transvestites. They were not doctors, clowns, or corpse-handlers. Transvestites never openly ridiculed, although SM appeared amused, chuckled over remembrance of transvestite he had once seen.

761 Death.- All deaths, including accidental ones, attributed to witchcraft or poisoning. Death de-
763 termined "when all the breath goes out" (SM). Immediately after death one of relations addressed corpse: "Go good, don't turn around. Don't think of us again, you are going to another place" (SM). Dead went to a·bo·no·li·mak, a land to E described in Orpheus myth (Voegelin, 1935 b, 203).

764 Body kept in house overnight; relatives,
[765] friends assembled, wailed throughout night; "one person would start crying, then everybody would cry" (FP). Following day corpse wrapped in tule
767 mats, taken from house by 2 old women corpse-
887 handlers (u·hu·yahm) and buried in shallow grave 1/8-mi. or so away from hamlet, on rocky hillside under shelving rocks. "Every hamlet (?) had 2 old women whose regular job it was to take away the bodies and bury them; they packed the corpse on their backs, each one half of the way; when they returned they washed well in plain warm water and were paid a little bit by the dead person's relatives" (SM). FP said men took corpse away for burial; "the corpse-handlers just washed their hands afterward, but some people were afraid to touch the corpse; they thought it would make them sick." Body buried in extended position, face up, head toward W; eyes not covered (SM).

[766] Bodies of those who died away from home brought back for burial if possible; flesh not cremated off bones first; those killed in war away from home buried on spot (FP).

765 Within one or two days following death of husband, parent, or offspring, woman burned her hair shoulder length or shorter; men did not do this. Woman did not wash face; painted it red (SWN); did not paint it (FP). After death of certain relatives man or woman could not eat meat, grease, fish until he or she had had face washed by man, woman outside family (see section on Rituals); this taboo obligatory after death of spouse, child, even though latter only 4, 5 yrs. old, and brother's or sister's adult children and, for man, brother's wife or wife's sister,

622 "Little Bill" Chico, whose father was 1/2 Owens Valley Paiute 1/2 Tübatulabal, mother Tubatulabal (SM), former chief for Tübatulabal; SM did not know who preceded Chico, but was sure it was not Chico's father. Chico left no lineal descendants and named SM as his successor. For group of Koso in e. end of South Fork valley cumil, Mouse, former chief. For Palagewan on unaugmented Kern, koŝumye·he·huk, nicknamed elemgil, Greedy, former chief; elemgil died before Chico and Mouse, and no successor to him was appointed; he was leader for Palagewan group only (FP, SM).

624 Of chiefs mentioned above, only the Palagewan chief, elemgil, had a messenger (tu·kmi·n); elemgil's messenger was Tejon Yokuts named Dick; when elemgil "wanted to make a fiesta, he told Dick to go tell everybody to come to it, and Dick would go to Tejon, Porterville; elemgil paid him to do this." At messenger's death, son inherited office (SM).

Clown and dance manager.- Among Tübatulabal, 624 office of clown (hili'idac) hereditary, passing ● [838 462] from father to son; women, transvestites never clowns. Clown present at face washings, mourning ceremonies; at latter he was "the-big boss" (LT), but also "went around talking crazy (not backward) at fiestas; he danced backward, too. He didn't care what he said, either to women or the chief; if the chief was no good the clown walked around saying so; then all the old men would get together and choose a new chief" (FP).

Among Palagewan hili'idac apparently served 624 more as dance manager; "when elemgil had a burning, there was a hili'idac named ka·wičina there; he was the last hili'idac. Kawičina told the boys to make the brush enclosure for the fiesta; when the people arrived he showed them where to camp in the enclosure. He wasn't a clown; when the people wanted money from elemgil they got 2 Palagewan men to act as ka·dbapapul; these men were like clowns; one of them got ashes and put them on the other man's face; all over it; then elemgil gave them money" (SM). Further details of clown's duties given in text by MM (Voegelin 1935 b, 205, 219, 227; see too p. 69 this study).

Law, morality, manners, conduct.- Since all 761 deaths except those incurred during war believed 756 to have been caused either by witchcraft or 627 poisoning, each death, violent or natural, constituted a murder, which was attributed to evil shaman or person possessing poison. Often shaman, poisoner killed by relatives of deceased, after they had obtained chief's permission; or chief might take initiative, order such persons killed. [579 177] Violent deaths in brawls seldom if ever occurred in pre-white times because "serious fights didn't start very much at fiestas, over games, etc., as the people didn't get drunk" (SM). A shaman might boast on such occasions of his power to kill persons, but I have no account showing that this ever led to fights in which murder committed.

000 Reference has already been made in section on Recreation to social setting in which narration of myths occurred.

SHAMANISM

756 Shaman (a·ɨowa·l, curing shaman, witch) either man, woman; male shamans both cured and witched; women shamans always malevolent, never cured (all informants). Transvestites not shamans. Two [838] brothers, Jose and Bill Viejo Chico, both dead, last male shamans among Tübatulabal; Jose Chico both cured, sickened persons; Bill Viejo, who had more power than Jose, mainly killed people (SM). In 1932 there were 2 women witches, whom everyone feared, living at Onyx rancheria.

Basis of shamanistic power.- Shamanistic power (po·nun) generally came unsought; "a person was born a doctor; when he was born he knew he was going to be one. He dreamt about getting the feather-tipped wand (see below); then he went far away and got it. If a man was not born a doctor, nothing could make him one. Some people were born bad doctors; they couldn't help it" (MM). "A doctor, when he was little, dreamt bad, then he became an a·ɨowa·l"(FP). Consensus of opinion was that drinking jimsonweed had nothing to do with acquiring shamanistic power; however, SM in 1932 stated that shamans drank jimsonweed after adolescence, "then they knew they were going to be doctors. The Kawaiisu doctors just dream; they don't take jimsonweed." As questing for supernatural power other than doctoring, by taking jimsonweed, well developed (see section on Rituals), perhaps drinking of jimsonweed had also become incorporated to some degree in pattern of acquiring shamanistic power, although statements of majority of informants point to opinion that shaman's career foreordained, whereas acquirement of other types supernatural power depended on individual's initiative.

During shaman's training, animal appeared to prospective doctor in dreams and became doctor's pet (puŋgul). This animal fell into general class of supernatural beings referred to as yu·mu·gi·wal. Pet told prospective doctor what to do; gave latter songs in his dreams at night. Doctors dreamt for 3 nights; began dreaming when young men, women. While training they would go out in night and talk to pet; sometimes latter came to doctor "from over the ocean" (MM) after night of singing, when doctor in his teens.

[231] Doctors with power to cure had birds as pet; eagle, tugayayal (species of hawk), chicken hawk, 756 etc.; no small birds. If prospective doctor saw 825 deer in dream, obtained song from deer. Witches advised in dreams by coyote, spike buck, ghost of dead relative, rattlesnake; one of these talked to prospective witch in dreams, told him, her how to make people sick, kill them. Songs animals gave had words, were doctor's property (see section on